Extension of Serials Beyond 52 Episodes

2583. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a policy decision not to extend TV serials beyond 52 episodes;

(b) whether it is a fact that serials called "Om Namh Shiva" and "Yug" have been given more then 52 episodes contrary to policy decision;

(c) which are the serials which have had total of more than 52 episodes with the names of producers; and

(d) whether Government propose to extend other serials upto 52 episodes and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No. Sir.

(b) The serials 'Om Namah Shivay' and 'Yug' have been sanctioned more than 52 episodes.

(c) As per list enclosed as statement *(See below)*

(d) Extension to serials is granted by Director General, Doordarshan keeping in view the popularity of the serial, its commercial return, quality of production and the subject requirement, etc.

Statement

List of Serials/programmes which have been given more than 52 episodes

DD-1

S.No.	Name of serials	Name of producers
1.	Abhay Charan	M/s. International Society for Krishna Consciousness, New Delhi
2.	Sri Krishna	M/s. Sagar Enterprises, Mumbai
3.	Shanti	M/s. United Television, Mumbai
4.	Swabhiman	M/s. Plus Channel, Mumbai
5.	Alif Laila	M/s. P.S. Films, Mumbai
6.	Ajnabi	M/s. Romesh Films Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
7.	Junoon	M/s. Cinevista Communications, Mumbai
8.	Farz	M/s. Nimbus Communications, New Delhi
9.	Ek Se Bad Kar Ek	M/s. Media Asia Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
10.	Om Namah Shivay	M/s. Namah Shivay Enterprises, Mumbai.

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1.	Saahil	M/s. Cinevista Cmmunications
2.	Aladdin	M/s. Buena Vista Television (India) Pvt. Ltd.
3.	Heads & Tails	M/s. Pritish Nandy Communications Pvt. Ltd.
4.	Saraab	M/s. Afnan Arts
5.	Boy Meets World	M/s. Buena Vista Television (India) Pvt. Ltd.
6.	Spiderwoman	—do—